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Ordinance amending the City of Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances at Title II: Fiscal; Article I: Administration; Chapter 219: Operating Budget; Section 219.03 Collaborative Budgeting Process.

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertain state of the City of Pittsburgh's (the "City's") finances, both at the present time and in the coming months, the City will forego the requirement that a preliminary operating and capital budget be presented to City Council by September 30, 2020, prior to the adoption of a final budget in November 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City to waive the preliminary budget requirement for the 2021 Fiscal Year only.

The Council of the City of Pittsburgh hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The City of Pittsburgh Code of Ordinances at Title II: Fiscal; Article I: Administration; Chapter 219: Operating Budget; Section 219.03 Collaborative Budgeting Process; shall be amended as follows:

So long as the Pittsburgh Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (ICA), pursuant to State Act 11 of 2004, is in existence, then the Mayor shall concurrently submit the budget presented to the ICA to City Council. After termination of the ICA, the Mayor shall present a preliminary operating and capital budget to City Council on or prior to September 30 of each calendar year. The proposed budgets shall continue to be presented on the second Monday of the eleventh month of each fiscal year, pursuant to Chapter 505 of the Home Rule Charter.

(a) The Office of Management and Budget, the Council Budget Office and the Controller shall meet by August 31 each calendar year to review and agree on revenue forecasts for the formulation of the proposed budget and five-year plan.

(b) The City Controller shall certify the agreed upon revenues within thirty (30) days of said meeting and file the certification with the City Clerk's Office.

(c) Changes to revenue after certification must receive written approval by one (1) other branch.

(d) As a general rule, changes to the September preliminary operating budget and five-year plan shall not exceed two (2) percent of the total budgeted amount in the November proposed budget.

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(e) As a general rule, the final budget passed by Council shall not exceed two (2) percent of the November proposed budget.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the requirements set forth in the initial paragraph of this Section 1 relating to the presentation of a preliminary operating and capital budget to City Council by September 30 shall be waived for Fiscal Year 2021. In addition, subsection (d) of this Section 1 shall be waived for Fiscal Year 2021. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all such provisions shall be reinstated for Fiscal Year 2022 and following years.